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MSGID/GENADMIN/CMC WASHINGTON DC L LFS// SUBJ/CONTRACT FEEDING FOR FIELD TRAINING EXERCISES// REF/A/DESC:MCO P10110.14L/-/YMD:19890926// REF/B/DESC:MCRP 4-11.8A/-/YMD:20040628// NARR/REF A CONTAINS THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR THE MARINE CORPS FOOD SERVICE AND SUBSISTENCE PROGRAM. REF B PROVIDES POLICY ON THE MARINE CORPS FIELD FEEDING PROGRAM// POC/P. BEWARD/CIV/CMC LF LFS/-/TEL:DSN 225-7208// POC/RICHARD KOHLER/CAPT/CMC LF LFS/-/TEL:DSN 225-7208// GENTEXT/REMARKS/PER REF A, THE APPROVED MARINE CORP FIELD FEEDING STANDARD IS ONE MRE AND TWO HOT MEALS PER DAY. THESE HOT MEALS CONSIST PRIMARILY OF UNITIZED GROUP B RATIONS (UGR-B). REF B REITERATES THE FIELD FEEDING PLAN OF ONE MRE AND TWO HOT MEALS AND EXPANDS THE HOT MEALS TO INCLUDE THE UNITIZED GROUP RATION HEAT AND SERVE.

2. PER REF B, CONTRACT FEEDING SHOULD BE USED ONLY WHEN ALL OTHER EFFORTS TO OBTAIN SUBSISTENCE SUPPORT HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED.

3. THE EXPANDED USE OF CONTRACT FEEDING FOR FIELD TRAINING EXERCISES HAS A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE ABILITY OF MARINE CORPS FOOD SERVICE PERSONNEL TO RECEIVE ADEQUATE TRAINING IN THE OPERATION OF A FIELD MESS. TO MAINTAIN THE CORE COMPETENCES OF THE 3381 MOS AND ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF ORGANIC SUBSISTENCE SUPPORT DURING A CONTINGENCY, FIELD FEEDING EQUIPMENT AND RATIONS MUST BE UTILIZED DURING TRAINING EXERCISES.

4. THE UGR-B AND UGR-HEAT AND SERVE ARE MAINTAINED AS WAR RESERVE MATERIAL. STOCK ROTATION OF THIS WAR RESERVE CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED IF THE RATIONS ARE UTILIZED IN TRAINING EXERCISES.

AS THE UNUSED RATIONS EXCEED THEIR SHELF-LIFE, THEY MUST BE SURVEYED AND DESTROYED AT SIGNIFICANT COST TO THE GOVERNMENT.

5. UNDERUTILIZATION OF THE GROUP RATIONS ALSO LEADS TO A LIMITED INDUSTRY PRODUCTION BASE WHICH IN TURN INCREASES THE COST OF THE RATION. THE MARINE CORPS IS THE PRIMARY USER OF BOTH THE UGR-B AND UGR-HEAT AND SERVE RATION.

6. IN THE LIMITED SITUATIONS WHEN CONTRACT FEEDING COULD BE JUSTIFIED, THE REQUEST TO CONTRACT SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH HQMC,

LFS-4 TO DETERMINE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON WAR RESERVE ROTATION, PRODUCTION BASE AND THE SUBSISTENCE IN KIND BUDGET.

7. REQUEST COMMANDERS REVIEW THEIR TRAINING EXERCISE FIELD FEEDING PLANS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT DIRECTIVES.//